



Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2008 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

Technical Advisory Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings are on file with the City of Bloomington Planning Department.

Attendance

Technical Advisory Committee: John Collisson (Monroe Co. Highway), Adrian Reid (Bloomington Engineering), Christa Browning (Bloomington Transit), Jim Ude (INDOT), Steve Cotter (Bloomington Parks), Gregg Zody (Monroe Co. Planning), Andrea Roberts (Bloomington Public Works), Jane Fleig (Bloomington Utilities), John Carter (Monroe Co. Community School Corp.), Norm Richardson (Rural Transit), Mike Trexler (Bloomington Controller), and Laura Haley (Bloomington GIS).

Others: Josh Desmond (MPO Staff), Raymond Hess (MPO Staff), and Jane Weiser (MPO Staff)

I. Call to Order

Adrian Reid called the meeting to order

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. April 25, 2008 – Jane Fleig moved approval of the minutes. Jim Ude seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

III. Communications from the Chair

There were no communications from the chair.

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. Updates on MPO related projects

John Collisson reported that the gutter pans have been poured on S. Walnut St. They will be replacing 42 sections of Walnut which will require closing it for 2 days. Vernal Pike Phase II is on track. The Smith and Rogers project has been postponed until Sept.

Jim Ude reported INDOT had a meeting on Tuesday concerning the SR 45/46 Bypass Project and there are still some utility issues to be worked out. Adrian Reid said there is a meeting in Seymour next week to discuss Country Club/Rogers and 17th/Fee.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. 3rd Quarter Progress Report

Raymond Hess reviewed the progress report and noted that billings are a little under budget. The last quarter is anticipated to be more in line with projections due to Bloomington Transit's consultant fees and additional staff time for traffic counts, among other expenses.

Mr. Hess said the Work Program was adopted by the Policy Committee on May 9. He will print out copies on request. The adoption included suggestions from the TAC and the CAC.

VI. Old Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program FY 2009-2012 (*Recommendation Requested*)

Mr. Hess noted the changes to the TIP FY 2009-2012 since the TAC last saw it. Bloomington Transit has been the recipient of an earmark for the downtown transfer facility which formerly showed the project spread out over 4 years. This has been changed to show the entire project

cost in the fiscal years 2008 and 2009. Rural Transit's operational costs were updated because they received Job Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom Grants. Additionally, INDOT requested that costs be updated for the SR 45/46 Bypass resurfacing project from Monroe St. to Kinser Pike.

Josh Desmond reported that INDOT will not adopt a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for FY 2009-2012 because of fiscal constraint issues related to state projects. Therefore, all State projects in the MPO's 2008-2011 TIP need to be carried over into the next TIP without modification. Consequently, there won't be any INDOT projects listed in 2012 until INDOT resolves their funding issues. It is anticipated that amendments will have to be made to the TIP for INDOT's new projects. This issue has no immediate consequence on local projects.

Mr. Hess added that 13 public comments were received requesting continued inclusion of the Fullerton Pike project in the TIP.

Ms. Fleig asked Mr. Ude if he could tell her what is planned for the intersection of SR 45 and Smith Rd. Mr. Ude said he didn't know yet but would share the plans when they are available.

Mr. Zody moved to recommend adoption of the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2009-2012 as described. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program FY 2008-2011

1. Downtown Transfer Facility - Bloomington Transit (*Recommendation Requested*)

Mr. Hess reiterated that in previous TIPs, earmarks for the downtown transfer facility were not rolled over year-to-year. Now that Bloomington Transit is getting close to starting the project, they need to have that money reflected in the year that the actual project is going to be implemented. Therefore, the existing TIP needs to be amended to show those costs in FY 2008 and roll them over in the new TIP. On paper it looks like this project has doubled in cost which is why the committees must review this TIP amendment. The cost has actually stayed the same. Ms. Fleig moved approval of this modification. Mr. Zody seconded. There was unanimous approval.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. Policy Committee – June 13, 2008 at 1:30pm (McCloskey Room)

B. Citizens Advisory Committee – June 25, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

C. Technical Advisory Committee – June 27, 2008 at 1:30pm (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment

These minutes were _____ by the Technical Advisory Committee at their regular meeting held on August 22, 2008 (RCH 08/22/2008)